

K-3 Eliason House

1876

Chestertown

Private

The Eliason House, built by the reknowned master-builder, Alfred Rockwell, is a monument of conservative ~~late~~ nineteenth century taste, which has remained in the Eliason family since Thomas W. Eliason had it built in 1876. A large scale 2½-story, 5-bay frame residence with several wings telescoping to the rear, it is presently being remodeled/restored by ~~the original owner~~ one of the original owner's descendents. When completed, the house will have its original clapboard covered with vinyl and will have an additional flat-roofed wing in the rear; otherwise it will be in essentially original overall appearance. It is one of the town's chief architectural attractions.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Eliason House

K 353

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

108 Spring Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Kent

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED☒ UNOCCUPIED☒ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Walker Eliason

Telephone #: 778-1974

STREET & NUMBER

106 Spring Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21620

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Office of the County Clerk

Liber #: EHP 65

Folio #: 746

STREET & NUMBER

Kent County Court House

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

none

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Eliason House is a large scale nineteenth century frame house, located on the northwest side of Spring Avenue between Calbert Street and Maple Avenue on a part of Town Lot 48 in Chestertown. It is presently being remodeled and restored by its owner.

It is a 2½-story, 5-bay house, one room deep, with a short L wing squared to the northeast gable end and several secondary wings beyond it. The house is sided with clapboard soon to be covered with vinyl. It has a gabled roof and dormers.

There is a medium height brick basement. Centered on the facade is a 3-bay wood porch with a flat roof that has a pediment over the entrance. The porch sits on brick piers, has six wood steps, and its roof is supported by four plain round pillars across the front. The door is paneled: two lower rectangular panels and two upper panels with semicircular arches. There are 3-pane sidelights and a 4-pane transom, all of frosted and ~~eee~~ decorated glass. There is a row of relief work which trims the lower edge of the transom.

There are pilasters on the front and northwest (left rear) corners of the main structure, which reach to the main cornice.

The windows on the facade are double hung sash, two panes over two, and have louvered shutters.

There are very deep eaves and a shallow box cornice which is bracketed: there are double brackets over the pilasters. There is a fascia board which extends down to the bottom of the brackets.

The roof is of composition shingles. There are three gabled dormers which have plain lared bargeboards. The dormer windows are 2/2. There is one chimney within the northeast gable end, offset slightly toward the front. There was a chimney within the southwest gable end, but it has been sealed off below the second story.

On the northeast gable end, the back of the fireplace is exposed. There are two windows on the first and two on the second story; all are 2/2 with louvered shutters. There is one 2/2 attic window in the gable offset to the rear slightly to allow room for a small vertical window/vent which is louvered. The roof overhang is the same as that on the facade; the fascia board continues around the corner and the brackets are all in pairs. There is no cornice return.

The short L wing squared to the northeast gable end has its gable end perpendicular to the main structure. It is half the width of the main structure and two bays deep; it has a 2/2 window and a paneled door with a 2-pane transom on the first story and two 2/2 windows on the second. All have louvered shutters. There is a gabled dormer on each side of the roof.

behind

Telescoped ~~xxxxxx~~ the short L section is a slightly lower and longer 2½-story wing; it too has a gable roof and its width is the same as the L wing. There is a boarded up door and a 6/6 window on the first story, two 2/2 windows on the second, and a single gabled dormer with a 6/6 window on each side of the roof. There is a chimney within the rear gable end.

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CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1876

BUILDER/ARCHITECT A.H. Rockwell

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house was built by A.H. Rockwell, a fine craftsman. It is a monument of conservative nineteenth century taste. The house has been empty "for years" but remains in excellent condition. Both in width and height it is large scale. The interior ceilings of both first and second floors are very high (there are 22 steps between the first and second floors).

The principal wings telescoping to the rear solve the depth problem gracefully in typical nineteenth assymetrcal fashion. Some of the later wings built onto the rear and into the angle of main structure and L wing are less attractive, somewhat cluttering the rear elevation.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.173 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Beginning at an iron pipe on the southeast side of Mill Strett, said point being the northernmost corner of the herin described lands and the westernmost corner of the lands of J.H. Lee; and running thence by and with said Lee lands ~~542-feet~~ South 42 degrees, four minutes, thirtys seconds East 91.9 feet to an iron pipe and a new division line between the herin described lands and other lands of Eliason; thence, by and with said other lands the four following courses and distances: (1) S 47 deg., 55 min., 30 sec. 49.60 feet to an iron pipe, (2) S 39 degrees East 93.67 feet to an iron pipe, (3) S 56 degrees 49 minutes E 96.53 feet to an iron pipe and (4) S 41 degrees, 56 minues E 76.68 feet to an

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES
 iron pipe; thence by and with the NW side of Spring Street S 46 degrees, 19 min. W 144.08
 STATE COUNTY
 to an iron pipe on the NE side of Clavert St.; thence by and with the NE side of Calvert St.
 STATE COUNTY
 N 42 degess, 4 minutes, 30 sec. W 359.52 feet to an iron pipe on the SE side of Mill St;
 thence by and with the SE side of Mill St to the place of beg.

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE		DATE
Robert Neill Maryland Historical Trust/ Town of Chestertown		July, 1976
ORGANIZATION		TELEPHONE
STREET & NUMBER		
CITY OR TOWN		STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

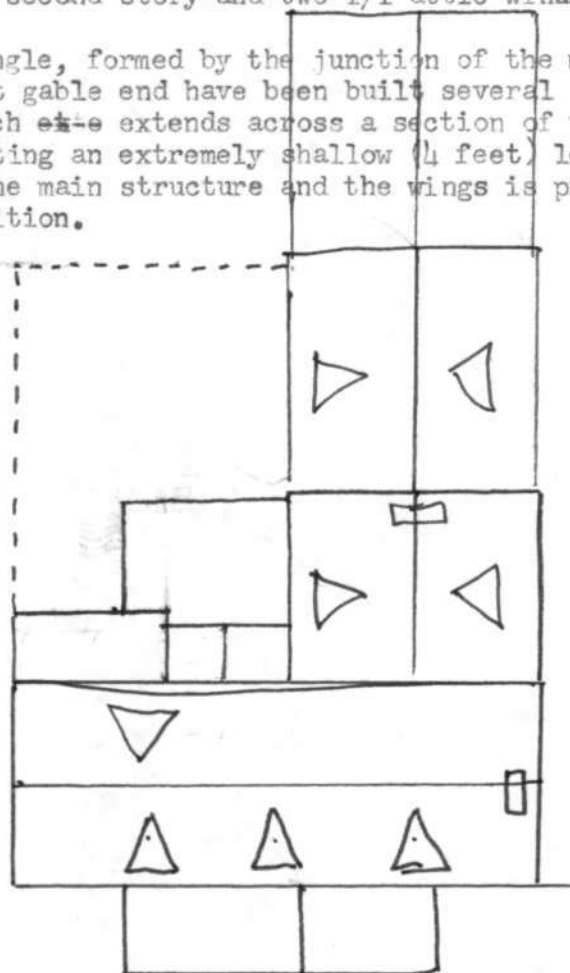
RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
 (301) 267-1438

Description (continued)

Beyond this wing is another single story, 3-bay wing. Its width is the same as the other wings and it too has a gabled roof. There are doors in the front and rear bays and a 6/6 window in the middle: the arrangement is the same on both side elevations. There is 1/1 window in the gable of the rear elevation.

The southwest gable end of the main structure has now windows on the first story and the back of the the fireplace is exposed. There are two 2/2 windows with louvered shutters on the second story and two 1/1 attic windows in the gable.

Into the rear angle, formed by the junction of the main structure and the wings squared to the northeast gable end have been built several small additions, including one with a shed roof which ~~ext~~ extends across a section of the rear elevation of the main structure, creating an extremely shallow (4 feet) leanto. Most of the remaining space between the main structure and the wings is presently being filled by a 1-story flat-roofed addition.



Summary of Title Search:
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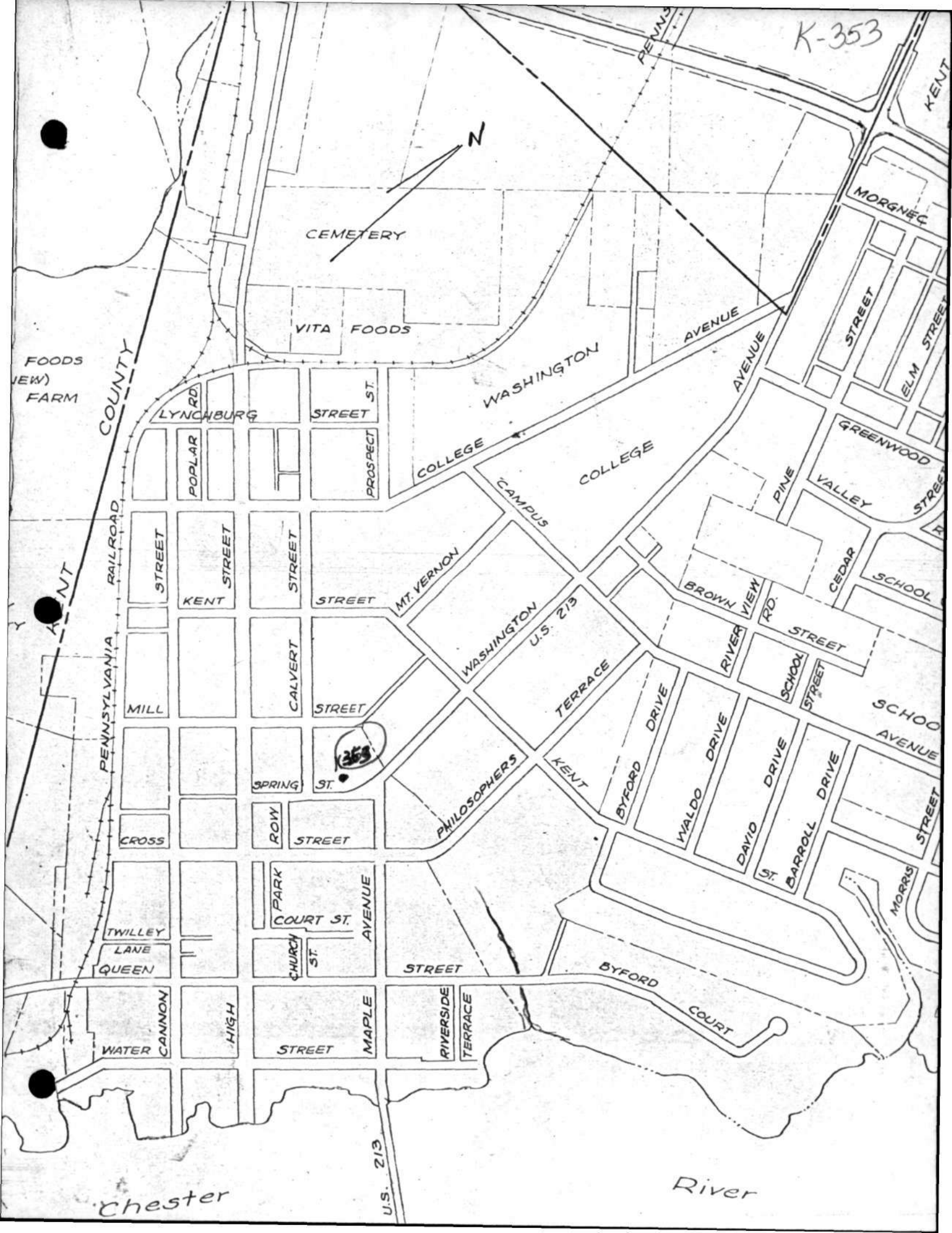
Commissioners of Chestertown to James Mansfield (1849)

James Mansfield to Thomas W. Eliason JNG 12 436 (1849) \$1510.

(All of Lot 48 and 42 across the street with Townsend Building on it.)

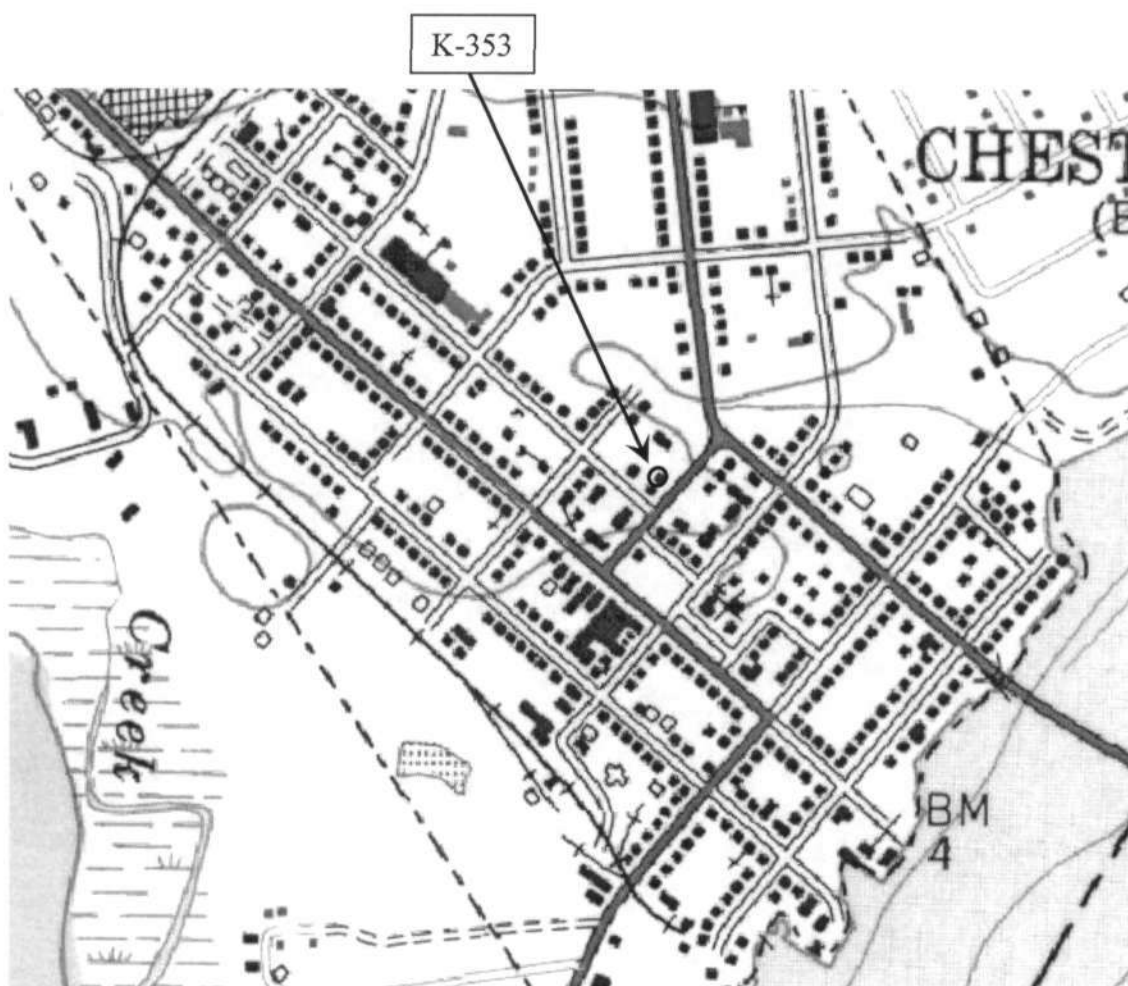
Thomas Eliason, Jr., personal representative of estate of Thomas Eliason to
Walker C. Eliason EHP 65 746 (1973)

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